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SUBJ: NATO MINISTERIAL: PRESS QUESTIONS FOR THE SECRETARY

1. QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW -- PER REQUEST -- ARE AMONG MOST IMPORTANT SECRETARY IS LIKELY TO RECEIVE AT ANY MEETINGS WITH PRESS DURING MINISTERIAL VISIT. LIST IS OBVIOUSLY NOT DEFINITIVE.

2. MR. SECRETARY, A LOT OF CONFUSION HAS PREVAILED IN RECENT WEEKS OVER PORTUGAL'S NON-PARTICIPATION IN THE NPG MEETING AND WHERE THE IMPETUS CAME FROM TO KEEP PORTUGAL OUT. IT'S PRETTY CLEAR THIS WAS NOT LISBON'S VOLUNTARY DECISION, AND THE U.S. HAS NEVER BOTHERED TO DENY WHAT ALMOST EVERYONE BELIEVES -- THE THE U.S. WAS PRINCIPALLY BEHIND IT. IT RAISES THE LARGER QUESTION OF WHAT THE U.S. ATTITUDE IS, IN A NATO CONTEXT, TOWARD MEMBER COUNTRIES WITH COMMUNISTS IN THEIR GOVERNMENTS. CAN YOU DEFINE THAT ATTITUDE PRECISELY? DOES IT HAVE ANY CONNECTION, EVEN REMOTE, WITH THE CURRENT RESHUFFLING OF AMERICAN AMBASSADORS IN LISBON? WOULD THE U.S. TAKE STEPS TO EXCLUDE ITALY FROM THE NPG OR OTHER NATO BODIES IF COMMUNISTS ENTERED THE GOVERNMENT IN ROME?

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3. WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT YOUR DISCUSSION HERE ON THE MIDDLE EAST? HOW OPTIMISTIC ARE YOU THAT ANOTHER WAR CAN BE AVOIDED? DOES THE U.S. PLAN TO URGE ISRAEL TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE PLO? DO YOUR EUROPEAN ALLIES WANT THE U.S. TO PUT STRONG

PRESSURE ON ISRAEL TO DO SO? ARE YOU PLANNING ANOTHER TRIP SOON TO THE MIDDLE EAST? IF THE U.S. HAD TO OPERATE AN AIR-LIFT TO ISRAEL TOMORROW, COULD YOU COUNT ON YOUR EUROPEAN ALLIES FOR STAGING POINTS THAT WERE DENIED YOU LAST TIME? CAN YOU SAY WHAT CHANGES PORTUGAL IS ASKING IN ITS AGREEMENT WITH YOU ON THE LAJES BASE?

4. THE COMMUNIQUE SAYS YOU TALKED HERE ABOUT THE ECONOMIC SITUATION. WHAT DID YOU DISCUSS? DID YOU TAKE UP WITH OTHER MINISTERS, EITHER BILATERALLY OR AT NATO, THE POINTS MADE IN YOUR CHICAGO SPEECH? CAN NATO FIGHT A WAR IF ANOTHER OIL EMBARGO IS IMPOSED? HOW DO YOU AND THE OTHER MINISTERS FEEL GENERALLY ABOUT THE WEST'S ECONOMIC CONDITION? DO YOU FEEL A SENSE OF INCREASING URGENCY AMONG THEM THAT FAR MORE FORCEFUL MEASURES BE TAKEN -- AND SPECIFICALLY, THAT THEY ARE WAITING FOR THE U.S. TO LEAD THE WAY?

5. IN LIGHT OF THE ECONOMIC SITUATION OF THE WEST, AND THE RATHER DIM PROSPECTS OF NEAR-TERM IMPROVEMENT, HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT NATO'S ABILITY TO MAINTAIN ITS CURRENT DEFENSE STRENGTH? ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH CURRENT DEFENSE STRENGTH? WHAT WAS YOUR REACTION TO RESULTS OF THE BRITISH DEFENSE REVIEW AS OUTLINED IN LONDON LAST WEEK? IS NATO IN FACT ON THE ROAD TO BECOMING A GERMAN-AMERICAN OPERATION WHERE MILITARY STRENGTH IS CONCERNED?

6. WE UNDERSTAND YOU BRIEFED THE ALLIES ON THE SALT DISCUSSIONS IN VLADIVOSTOK. CAN YOU OUTLINE FOR US WHAT YOU TOLD THEM, AND WHAT THEIR REACTIONS WERE? CRITICS IN THE PRESS AND IN CONGRESS DISAGREE WITH YOU THAT THERE HAS BEEN ANY BREAK-THROUGH ON SALT. AMONG OTHER THINGS, THEY SAY THAT, FAR FROM ANY PROVISION TO REDUCE DELIVERY SYSTEMS, THE PROSPECTIVE SALT II AGREEMENT MEANS A BIG INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES THAT CAN BE MIRV-ED, AND NO CONTROL AT ALL ON THE NUMBER OF MIRVS PER VEHICLE. HOW DO YOU ANSWER THIS? WHY DID THE PRESIDENT NOT INCLUDE SEN. JACKSON IN HIS BRIEFING ON VLADIVOSTOK LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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FOR CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS -- SINCE EVEN THOUGH JACKSON IS NOT A LEADER, HE IS THE ADMINISTRATION'S TOUGHEST SALT OPPONENT?

7. THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN GOING ON NOW FOR MORE THAN A YEAR. ALTHOUGH THE SPOKESMEN HAVE EVOKED THE BUSINESSLIKE ATMOSPHERE OF THE TALKS, IT'S HARD TO ESCAPE THE FEELING THAT MBFR IS REALLY AT A STANDSTILL. WHAT COULD GET IT GOING AGAIN? ON CSCE, WOULD YOU CONCEDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT IT COULD END IN FAILURE IF THERE ARE NO SUBSTANTIAL SOVIET CONCESSIONS ON BASKET THREE? SOME PEOPLE HAVE THE FEELING THE U.S. IS LESS INTERESTED IN TANGIBLE RESULTS FROM CSCE THAN THE WESTERN EUROPEANS ARE, AND JUST WANTS TO GET IT OVER WITH. ANY COMMENT?

8. WHAT IS THE U.S. POSITION ON THE FORM AN EVENTUAL CYPRUS SETTLEMENT SHOULD TAKE? DO YOU FAVOR THE MULTI-CANTONAL IDEAS OF GREECE AND PRESIDENT MAKARIOS, OR THE TURKISH PUSH FOR TWO ZONES UNDER A FEDERATION? AND IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A COM-PROMISE BETWEEN THESE TWO, WHAT IS IT? DO YOU FEEL IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER FOR MAKARIOS TO HAVE STAYED AWAY FROM CYPRUS FOR THE TIME BEING? BRUCE

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